

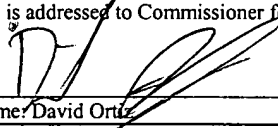
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SANO et al.  
Docket No. 10873.1557USWO  
Filed: October 18, 2004  
Title: OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL HEAD, OPTICAL INFORMATION  
RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS, COMPUTER,  
IMAGE RECORDING DEVICE, IMAGE REPRODUCTION DEVICE,  
SERVER AND CAR NAVIGATION SYSTEM

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